GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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MONITORING OF MOVEMENTS OF INDIANS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the movements of Indians in US are being closely monitored by the FBI as reported in the Times of India dated January 24, 2003;

(b) If so, the veracity or otherwise of the matter as reported; and

(c) the manner in which the Government propose to deal with the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)&(b) The report refers to U.S. citizens of Indian origin having been questioned by local authorities. It is also learnt that at least one of these individuals has taken up this matter through U.S. political channels. Government have not received any representation in this regard.

(c) It is the Government`s clear policy to maintain correct and cordial relations with foreign citizens of Indian origin.